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SUBJECT: ECA REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HABITAT

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1. SUBJECT OF "INVOLUNTARY MIGRATION" AND EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL
FROM VANCOUVER CONFERENCE WAS RAISED JUNE 23 IN PRESENTATIONS
BY SUDANESE, EGYPTIAN AND LIBYAN DELEGATIONS. IN EACH CASE
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MATTER WAS RAISED WITHIN CONTEXT OF PRESENTATION ON GENERAL

CONFERENCE ISSUES AND THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION FOLLOWING PRESENTATION.

2. USDEL PROMPTLY CONTACTED SECRETARY GENERAL PENALOSA AFTER ISSUE WAS RAISED POINTING OUT IN STRONG TERMS WHAT EFFORT TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL COULD MEAN FOR VANCOUVER CONFERNNCE. PENALOSA WAS WELL AWARE OF SITUATION, SAYING, HOWEVER, GIVEN TEHRAN BACKGROUND IT WAS UNAVOIDABLE THAT MUSLIM COUNTRIES IN CAIRO MEETING WOULD RAISE SUBJECT. LATTER COULD BE NO LESS MILITANT THAN THEIR OTHER BRETHREN. HE HAD HOPED ISSUE COULD BE STAVED OFF UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING, BUT NOT THAT MATTER HAS BEEN RAISED HE WISHED TO SEE IT LOW KEYED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. PENALOSA SAID THAT FACT THAT CANADIANS HAD UNDER CONSIDERATION AT PRESENT WHETHER TO EXCLUDE PLO FROM VANCOUVER HAS MADE SITUATION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT SINCE ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH ADDITIONAL RATIONALE FOR PRESSING CASE TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL.

3. USDEL INDICATED TO PENALOSA SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH ANY MOVE TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM VANCOUVER WOULD BE VIEWED. PENALOSA WAS QUITE CONCERNED AND WELL AWARE OF DANGERS INHERENT IN SITUATION. MEMBER OF CANADIAN DELEGATION TOLD US CANADIAN PARLIAMENT IS EXERCISED ABOUT MATTER AND TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS IN MOOD TO BE PENURIOUS AND MIGHT WELL TRY TO SAVE MONEY BY SUGGESTING CONFERNENCE NOT BE HELD. USDEL IS OF IMPRESSION THESE THOUGHTS ALSO PASSED ON TO PENALOSA BY CANADIANS.

4. WITH REGARD TO OPTIONS OPEN TO USDEL, ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUCH THAT OBSERVERS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE. GIVEN CONCERN OF CONFERENCE OFFICIALS OVER LACK OF TIME FOR PRESENTATIONS OF DELEGATTES (CHAIRMAN ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS PROMPTLY CUT SPEAKERS OFF WHEN THEIR TIME HAD EXPIRED), BELIEVE IT WOULD BE RESENTED WERE WE TO RAISE POLITICAL MATTER IN PLENARY SESSION. SINCE WE HAVE NO VOTE, EFFORT SHOULD BE TO INFLUENCE THOSE WHO DO, SO AS TO HEAD OFF AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR ARAB STATES. WE ARE ALREADY DOING THIS. WE ARE ALSO ENDEAVORING TO INFLUENCE CANADIANS TO USE THEIR POSITION AS VANCOUVER HOSTS TO IMPRESS UPON DELEGATES DIFFICULTY CREATED BY INJECTION OF THIS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL ISSUE. HOPE IS THAT ALL THOSE TRULY INTERESTED IN SEEING PROGRESS MADE ON CONFERENCE SUBSTANCE ITSELF WILL BE INDUCED TO REFRAIN FROM SUPPORT OF ARAB STATES.

5. APPRECIATE DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS.
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